

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

**ABSTRACT**

Public Services – Registration & Stamps Department – Surprise check conducted on the office of Sub Registrar, Anantapur on 28.07.2008 – Departmental action initiated against Sri M.Murali Mohan, former Joint Sub Registrar-I (Retired) along with other staff - Disciplinary action finalized - Imposition of penalty of withholding of 50% cut in pension permanently - Orders - Issued.

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**REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No.682.**

Dated: 30.06.2014.

Read the following:-

- 1) Govt. Memo.No.16143/Vig.VI (1)/2009-1, dated: 10.07.2009.
- 2) Charge Memo.No.S/898/2008-1, dated: 11.08.2009 of the DIG R&S, Kurnool.
- 3) Procdgs.No.S/898/2008, dated: 01.10.2009 & 09.12.2009 of the DIG, R&S, Kurnool.
- 4) From the REO and DR (MV&A), Kurnool, Lr.No.CC/RE/5/2009, dated: 30.03.2011.
- 5) From the DIG, R&S, Kurnool, Lr.No.173-Enqy/2010, dated: 27.07.2011.
- 6) Govt. Memo.No.16143/Vig.VI (1)/2009-5, dated: 22.05.2012.
- 7) Representation of Sri M.Murali Mohan, JSR-I (Retd.), dated: 31.08.2012.
- 8) Govt. Letter No.16143/Vig.VI (1)/2009-9, dated: 21.12.2013.
- 9) From the Secretary, APPSC, Hyderabad, Letter No.227/RT/1/2014, dated: 12.03.2014.

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**ORDER:**

Consequent on surprise check conducted by the Anti Corruption Bureau on the O/o Sub Registrar, Anantapur on 28.07.2008 and in pursuance to the orders of the Government, the Disciplinary Authority i.e. the Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Kurnool framed the following charges against Sri M.Murali Mohan, Joint Sub Registrar-I (Accused Officer-1) along with other Accused Officers:

Charge against Sri M.Murali Mohan, Joint Sub Registrar-I:

“ when the surprise check was conducted on his office, he was found to have committed grave misconduct in as much as,

1. He collected illegally acquired and unauthorized amounts of Rs.58,162/- from the various persons / parties coming for the sake of Encumbrance Certificates, registrations etc., clandestinely by employing private persons / document writers (9) on behalf of them and thereby indulging in corrupt and illegal practices clandestinely.
  2. He engaged private persons / document writers unauthorizedly for collecting unauthorized amounts illegally from the public/ parties coming to the said office for want of ECs, Registration etc.
  3. He failed to account for unauthorized amount of Rs.23,485/- found under the drinking water can (plastic) situated by the side of Sri Murali Mohan, Sub Registrar Office seat, where he is sitting and performing the duties.
  4. He failed to make entries about the transactions made on the day of surprise check in the concerned registers maintained in the said office.
  5. He failed to keep the Government cash of Rs.2,60,514.50 which was received from the Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate, Anantapur in safe custody and it was left in the cash chest uncared without any safe guard.
  6. He failed to take over the charge of huge Government cash of Rs.2,60,514-50 which was received from the Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate, Anantapur concerned to the theft amount of the said Sub Registrar Office, Anantapur and was left in the cash chest carelessly without any safe guard nor with any responsible person and thus failed to maintain absolute integrity in violation of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964. He has failed to supervise the subordinate staff and guilty of slack supervision.
2. The Charged Officer submitted his Written Statement of Defence. As the same was not convincing, the Disciplinary Authority ordered for regular enquiry by appointing the District

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Registrar (MV&A), Kurnool as Inquiring Authority and the Regular Enquiry Officer submitted enquiry report and held that out of six counts, two counts of the charge proved against the Charged Officer.

3. After examining the enquiry report, Government decided to disagree with the findings of the Inquiring Authority in respect of Sri M.Murali Mohan, Sub Registrar (Retired) among others on the following grounds:

1. "The charged officers can not claim that 9 unauthorized private persons were loitering around inside the office without the knowledge of the Sub Registrar from whom an amount of Rs.58,162-00 was recovered by the Anti Corruption Bureau officials which has been recorded in the Panchanama in the presence of the witness. The deposition given by witness at the time of Panchanama has been ignored by the Regular Enquiry Officer without giving any valid reason. As Joint Sub Registrar-I he can not claim that unauthorized private persons were roaming around in the office without his knowledge. Hence the findings of Regular Enquiry Officer in respect of Charge I & II are not acceptable. Secondly significant amount of cash which was found in the office premises is too huge to be ignored as a chance event. Joint Sub Registrar-I has to take responsibility for the same. The amount of cash found in the office premises near the water pot can not be brushed aside as an innocuous matter. All the Charged officers have to take responsibility for the recovery of loose cash in the registration office which in the absence of any factual denial gives credence to the investigation report. Accordingly the findings of the Regular Enquiry Officer in respect of Charge III is also not acceptable."

4. Accordingly, Government have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of withholding 50% pension permanently on the above Charged Officer and directed him to submit his representation, if any in the matter to Government for taking further action, duly communicated the enquiry report to him, vide references 6<sup>th</sup> read above.

5. In the reference 7<sup>th</sup> read above, the Charged Officer submitted his representations to Government requesting to drop further action in the matter. After examining the same, it is observed that the explanation submitted by the Charged Officer is similar to the explanation placed before the Regular Enquiry Officer. Therefore Government has decided to confirm the above provisional decision i.e. to impose a penalty of withholding 50% pension permanently on Sri M.Murali Mohan, Sub Registrar (Retired). The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission have also agreed the proposal of the Government vide reference 9<sup>th</sup> read above.

6. Government after detailed examination of the matter have decided and hereby order to impose a punishment of 50% cut in pension permanently against Sri M.Murali Mohan, former Joint Sub Registrar-I (Retired), Office of Sub Registrar, Ananthapur.

7. The Commissioner and Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad / Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Kurnool, shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly under intimation to the Government.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**S.P.SINGH**

**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

**To**

The Commissioner and Inspector General,  
Registration and Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Kurnool.

The Individual. (w.e) (through: the Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Kurnool)

**Copy to:**

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner,  
Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad.

The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.

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**SECTION OFFICER**